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JOB TITLE: RESEARCH SUPPORT STAFF,  
DIVISION OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION-  
SURVEILLANCE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

AGENCY: CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
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**EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

CAPT Paul Weidle received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1986 from the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Pharmacy. After completion of a Clinical Pharmacy Residency at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1987, CAPT Weidle began his pharmacy career as a Clinical Specialist/Adult Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical System where he worked until 1997.

**CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

CAPT Weidle, who joined the Public Health Service in 1997, is the only epidemiologist for the CDC who is also a pharmacist. Epidemiology is the branch of medicine that deals with the study of the causes, distribution, and control of disease in populations. CAPT Weidle functions as an expert research support officer with complete responsibility for primary collaboration, consultation, research, and teaching on short or long-term complex public health related problems. CAPT Weidle works in the Division of HIV/AIDS prevention where he is responsible for numerous domestic and international programs. Domestic programs have included research projects evaluating the effectiveness of Directly Administered Antiretroviral Therapy (DAART) in various sociological and cultural environments in Baltimore, Maryland and Los Angeles, California. International programs require CAPT Weidle to travel extensively to all corners of the globe where he provides expert technical assistance. His travels have taken him to Switzerland where he assisted in the development of the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for using antiretroviral therapy. Other activities have placed him in Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Belgium, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, and Thailand where he performs many functions such as serving as a Project Officer to develop protocols, working with local medical staff, assisting with health care support efforts, and performing research activities. In the past 7 years, CAPT Weidle has spent 73 weeks in a foreign country and many weeks traveling throughout the United States.

In addition to travel, maintenance of vast communication networks, and effective administration skills to oversee project planning and completion, CAPT Weidle's position requires him to publish articles in the medical literature and to share presentations, abstracts, and posters frequently throughout the world. His work has been published in numerous journals including: The Care Giver's Guide to Medication Management, the

Manual of HIV/AIDS Care, the American Journal of Medicine, Pharmacotherapy, the American Journal of Health-Systems Pharmacy, the Lancet, Hospital Pharmacy, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Clinical Infectious Disease, and many others.; it is no surprise that twelve journals and numerous grant programs benefit from CAPT Weidle's skills and knowledge as a manuscript and grant reviewer.

CAPT Weidle is a Technical Team Member for Care and Treatment Global AIDS Program Country Support Team for Kenya and Uganda, and a member of the Adult Treatment Technical Workgroup which serves as the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief.

#### **QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

Doctor of Pharmacy degree, Masters of Public Health degree and completion of the Epidemic Intelligence Service. The experience gained in individual patient care as a Clinical Specialist working with Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and AIDS Services were invaluable to prepare him for a career in Public Health where one is involved in the care of populations of persons.

#### **REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

Although working in what many would consider a fulfilling career at the University of Maryland, CAPT Weidle had the desire to become more involved in research and Public Health. His interest in research inspired him to complete a Masters in Public Health Degree and pursue a new career path at the CDC where he was accepted into the Epidemic Intelligence Service as a Commissioned Officer. This high-intensity two-year training program prepared CAPT Weidle for the complexities and hard work that lay before him as a subject matter expert in HIV/AIDS and epidemiology.

#### **MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

The most rewarding USPHS professional experience has been developing, implementing, and evaluating AIDS treatment programs and research studies in Africa and Thailand. The needs are so great for AIDS care in many countries, that the need for Pharmacists trained in Epidemiology has yielded valuable opportunities for CAPT Weidle.

#### **SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST**

CAPT Weidle received the Maryland Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists hospital pharmacist of the year award in 1990 and the preceptor of the year award twice. In addition to serving as an educator, mentor, husband, and father of two, CAPT Weidle obtained his BCPS certificate in 1991, the first year this advanced certification was offered, and completed his Masters in Public Health degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1997.

CAPT Weidle has received 2 Commendation Medals, an Outstanding Unit Citation, and 5 Foreign Duty Service Awards.